

Sorghastrum nutans

Indian Grass



A lovely, clump-forming grass, with blue-green foliage turning burnt-orange in the fall. Feathery flowerheads which mature from yellow to bronze hold their color all winter. Adapts to a variety of soils, and, once established, tolerates drought. An important grass species of the tallgrass prairie.

Suggested companions: little bluestem (*Schizachryium scoparius*), switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*), big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), a wide variety of prairie flowers including goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.), culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginianum*), prairie dock (*silphium terebinthinacium*)

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Plant Type: Grass/Grasslike

Size: 4-7' H
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Forested Upland
Moist shores

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Clay

Exposure: sun
 filtered

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Winter interest
Fall color
Butterfly attracting